

Making White Elephants.

David S. Thomas was for twelve years press agent for P. T. Barnum's show, and probably few who have been connected with the great showman have had a better chance to see Mr. Barnum in his daily life and business career than Mr. Thomas.

"I was press agent for Mr. Barnum from 1872 until 1884," said Mr. Thomas, "and during that time I had probably more to do with Mr. Barnum than any of his other agents, for the reason that I kept right along with the show, while the others were usually ahead. The great white elephant war in Philadelphia was one of the greatest things that Mr. Barnum ever had on his hands. It was in 1883, and both Barnum and Forepaugh were billed to exhibit in Philadelphia about the same time. Barnum had a genuine white elephant from Siam, and Forepaugh had one he advertised as the only white elephant in the country, but we knew it was not a genuine one.

"Well, the war waxed hot and fierce. Mr. Barnum gave us instructions to carry it to the very end. Columns weren't anything to us then; we purchased whole pages of the newspapers, and advertised all the time. Mr. Barnum afterward told me that the newspaper bills for the from one week amounted to \$10,000, and Live Goggles, and that the bill-posting and other advertising came to as much more. Philadelphia was Forepaugh's home, but we made it lively for him. We knew that this white elephant was painted, and we sent over to London for the two boys who had done the job. Our agent got them and shipped them over. Bill Durand, another of Barnum's agents, and myself went down from New York in a tug-boat and took the boys off on their arrival so that Forepaugh's men couldn't get hold of them.

"We disguised them and took them to Philadelphia. They were about sixteen or seventeen years old, and made up first-class as a country boy and girl. In this disguise they purchased their tickets and went into the tent where the so-called white elephant was. The first chance they got when nobody was looking they called Tiny (that was the name of the elephant), and it recognized them and struggled to reach them. We took the boys right before a notary public, and they both made affidavit to have painted Tiny with two coats of paint over in London. The next day they published the whole thing in the papers, and it made a great sensation.

"Then Forepaugh's men trumped up some horse doctor who certified that he had scientifically examined the elephant and that it was a genuine one and not painted. We put detectives on his track, and we soon found that he was not a doctor, and that his only diploma was one of those bogus Buchanan affairs that he paid \$25 for. We let this fly at the Forepaugh people.

"The white elephant business fell through after a while, however. Forepaugh took his old West, and it was finally laughed at and gazed so that he took it out of the show. Barnum left his at his headquarters at Bridgeport the next year, and never ran it on the road again. I think it was burned in the big fire at Barnum's quarters some years ago. Barnum's elephant was cream-colored, but it was as white as any elephant ever is. It was a genuine sacred white elephant from Siam. Forepaugh's was a good deal whiter, but there was no doubt that his was painted."

Picked Up.

Rub together one tablespoonful of butter and three of flour. Roll this into the upper crust of pies. It will render the crust flaky and tender.

In making custards and custard pies, beat the milk to the scalding point before adding it to the beaten eggs and sugar, bake at once in a hot oven. The time required for baking them will thus be reduced one-half.

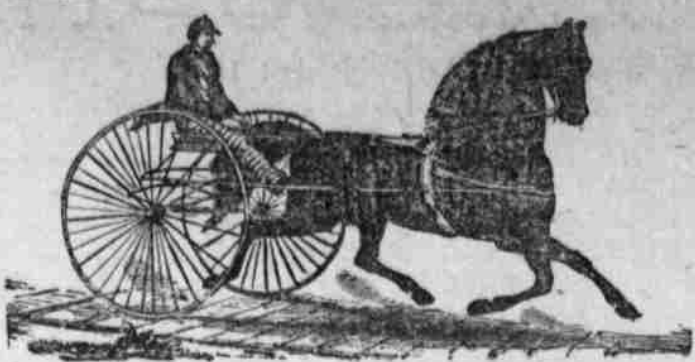
Instead of putting food into the oven to keep hot for late comers, try covering it closely with a tin, and setting it over a basin of hot water. This plan will keep the food hot, and at the same time prevent it from drying.

When knitting woolen hose for the children and men folks, provide yourself with spools of black linen or Clarke's thread, No. 10, and knit with the yarn into parts of hosiery where wear comes heaviest. Heels and knees and toes so strengthened, wear much longer.—[Good House-keeping.

A Good Cement.

I recently mended a valuable vase with a cement made by stirring plaster of Paris into thick mucilage or gum-arabic. Dip a brush in the mixture, spread upon both edges of the broken article, press together, tying in with a string if possible, and in a few minutes the cement will be as good as new. It is a new use for plaster of Paris, and is a good one.

ALTA MORE!



A BEAUTIFUL BAY, 15½ hands high, heavy mane and tail, black legs, powerfully muscled, fine style and a perfect model. Is just seven years old and is in excellent breeding condition.

This celebrated trotter will make the present season at Thomas Ragan's two miles from Mt. Sterling, between the Marysville and Hinkton pikes, at \$15 TO INSURE A LIVING COLT.

A lien will be retained on all colts for season money. Money due when mare foals, is parted with or bred to another horse without permission.

ALTAMORE was sired by Strathmore 408, sire of Santa Claus 2:17½ and 36 more in 2:30 or better; sire of 11 dams of 13 performers in 2:30; sire of 8 sons with 9 performers in 2:30; sire of Santa Claus, sire of Sidney 2:19½, sire 7 performers in 2:30, including Gold Leaf 2:11½; Adonis 2:14½; Faustina (2 yrs) 2:24; Fleet (2 yrs) 2:24½.

Dam by Alta 765, sire of Stranger 2:29; Roger Hanson 2:26½; of dam of Daily Wilkes 2:28½; Roger Hanson, sire of Jessie Hanson 2:22½; Billy Worthington, 2:27½.

2d dam by Highland Chief, sire of Lady Thorne, dam of Santa Claus 2:17½; Trinidad 2:22½; granddam of Roslyn 2:25½.

Strathmore, sire of 37 in 2:30 list, by Hambletonian. 1st dam Lady Waltemore, dam of Marshal Ney, by North American. 2d dam said to be by Hambletonian.

Alta by American Clay. 1st dam Lady Turner by Mambrino Chief.

This low season price will enable any one to breed to one of the finest bred trotters in this section. ALTAMORE in two months training last fall trotted a full mile in 2:35.

Also at the same place

Yelberton,

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\$10 TO INSURE A LIVING COLT, and a few Jennets at \$25. Conditions same as given above.

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RAGAN & WILSON, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

CANE RIDGE STOCK FARM.

CALIBAN 394 RECORD 2:34 BY MAMBRINO PILOT.

First dam Cassia, (dam of Calixto, Haron and others), by Strider's Cassius M. Clay Jr., 2d sire of Danvers 2:26½, Harry Clay 2:26½, and the dams of 8 with records from 2:25½ to 2:30. Second dam Old Beck, by the Wright Colt.

Third dam by Instructor, son of Virginian, by Sir Archy.

Fourth dam by Chester Ball.

Fifth dam by Romulus, son of Racoon.

CALIBAN is the sire of C. F. Clay, (5-yr-old), 2:18½, Cyclone, 2:23½, Coaster, 2:26½, Woodbridge Girl 2:25½, matinee record, Greenwood Belle 2:28½ and other fast ones. His son Cyclone sired the unbeaten 3-yr-old, Dr. Sparks 2:28½, Gillette (3-yr-old), 2:28½, and another son, C. F. Clay, sired Spring Day, (yearling), who trotted a half in 1:13, and another yearling that trotted a half in 1:17. Thus it will be seen that his colts breed on and trot fast. CALIBAN will make the season of 1891 at Cane Ridge Stock Farm, at

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